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1. ALL BLACK UNIVERSITIES ARE SCHEDULED TO OPEN FOR THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR BY MID FEBRUARY. MARCH WOULD BE THE BEST TIME FOR THE VISIT OF THE EDUCATION TEAM. THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT ONE OR MORE UNIVERSITIES MIGHT CLOSE SOON AFTER OPENING BUT WE ANTICIPATE MOST OF THEM BEING OPEN.

2. THERE ARE FIVE "BLACK" UNIVERSITIES; THREE AFRICAN, ONE COLORED AND ONE INDIAN. WE BELIEVE ALL SHOULD BE VISITED AND SUGGEST A MONTH'S VISIT BY THE TEAM; A THREE WEEK VISIT WOULD BE THE BARE MINIMUM.

3. THE FOCUS OF THE VISIT WOULD BE TO EXAMINE WAYS IN WHICH EXCHANGE PROGRAMS COULD STRENGTHEN HIGHER EDUCATION. THIS COULD INCLUDE ACADEMIC EXCHANGES, SHORT TERM TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINING IN THE U.S., VISITS BY U.S. CONSULTANTS. FOR THOSE WHO MIGHT GO TO THE U.S., WE SHOULD CONSIDER BOTH INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP PROJECTS.

4. IN ADDITION TO UNIVERSITIES, TEAM COULD ALSO MAKE BRIEF VISITS TO TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGES AND VOCATIONAL AND ADULT EDUCATION CENTERS.

5. PURPOSE OF VISIT WOULD BE TO ADVISE EMBASSY ON ITS EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS.

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